broadcasts and extend the Television telecasting time to twenty hours; if so, by when it is likely to be accomplished and what will be the expenditure; and

(b) whether Government propose to have a "quality audit" of the Television programmes; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Considering the heavy expenditure involved in obtaining of technical equipment and setting up of transmitters and recruitment of additional staff, it is not possible immediately to have round the clock All India Radio broadcasts and to extend the Doordarshan telecast time to twenty hours. However, enhancement of All India Radio broadcast and Doordarshan telecast time is a progressive endeavour subject to availability of resources—technical and financial; and

(b) An Audience Research Unit already functions in Doordarshan for inviting public opinion on television programmes and these are analysed for improvement of TV programmes.

Letters of intent for gasbased fertilizer plants

396. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had issued letters of intent for some gas based fertilizer projects to be set up in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the names of these companies, the date of issue of letters of intent and present position of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are given below:—

Name of the Company	Date of Issue of Letter of Intent	Location of Project	Present Position of the Project
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Hindhstan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.	19-11-79 (Issued Industrial licence directly)	Namrup-III	Has gone into commercial production.
Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers	4-2-80	Thal	LOI converted into Industrial licence. Gone into commercial production.
Krishak Bharati Coop. Ltd. (KRIBHCO).	21-10-80 (issued to the sponsors M/s. IFFCO)	Hazira	LOI converted into industrial licence. Has gone into commercial production.
National Fertilizers Ltd.	24-7-84	Vijaipur	LOI converted into Indl. licence. Commercial production expected to be declared shortly.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Indian Farmers Fertilizer Coop. Ltd. (IFFCO)	21-3-84	Aonla	LOI converted into Industrial, licence. On trial production.
Indo-Gulf Fertilizers & Chemicals Corpn. Ltd.	27-2-84	Jagdishpur	LOI converted into Industrial Licence. Mechanical completion expected in August, 1988.
Aravali Fertilizers Ltd.	16-10-84	Sawai Madhopur	The site selected by the promoters has not been given clearance from the environmental angle Alternative site being identified.
Tata Fertilizers Ltd.	28-6-85	Babrala (U.P.)	Promoters are taking necessary steps for implementation of the project.
M/s. Apeejay Fertilizers Ltd.	21-8-85	Shahjahanpur (U.P.)	Validity of LOI not extended beyond 20-2-88 since promoters did not take effective steps for the implementation of the project. Alternative arrangements are being explored.

Central assistance for drought relief

397. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount of Central assistance for drought relief given to various States, State-wise during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): State-wise information giving details of Central assistance approved for 1988-89 (April-June|July, 1988) is given at the statement.